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Man killed by parents' tombstone

DEATH A Gatineau man tending to his parents' gravesite died on Thanksgiving when the tombstone apparently toppled on him.

Police discovered a 77-year-old man without vital signs lying on a gravesite in a Buckingham cemetery shortly after 7:30 p.m. on Monday. A resident had called police to report a car had been parked at the Saint-Gregoire Cemetery, at the corner of Buckingham and Lepine avenues in Buckingham, for several hours, Constable Isabelle Poirier said yesterday.

Paramedics and the coroner attended, where they declared the man dead. The deceased man was confirmed as the owner of the car that was parked nearby.

Police said the man had been doing some digging at the gravesite when the cement foundation fell on him.

Police are now investigating the incident, but the death will likely be ruled an accident, said Poirier. The man's name is not being released.

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Local runs off to join circus

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Repeat performance



Conservative Leader and Prime Minister Stephen Harper casts his ballot in Calgary yesterday.

Harper's Tories gain second straight minority

Canadians have chosen "slow and steady" giving Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his Conservatives a tighter hold on minority government as the country braces for a possible economic downturn.

Harper was able to make vital gains in Ontario, including big victories in the 905 region around Toronto, but campaign missteps in Quebec kept his long-sought majority agonizingly out of reach and leaves him facing a divided Parliament.

The night proved a bitter disappointment for Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion, 53, who failed to sell voters on his leadership or his controversial carbon tax and now faces an almost certain challenge to his leadership. Liberals lost seats across Atlantic Canada and in the one-time stronghold of Ontario where they gave up seats to the Conservatives in ridings such as Oakville and Halton.

Dion, in his first campaign as a party leader, said he wouldn't quit if Liberals lost the election. But last night's result — the worst showing for the party in at least 20 years — makes it doubtful that Liberals are

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Seat count

• Conservative	144
• Liberal	74
• Bloc Québécois	50
• NDP	37
• Other	3
(Counts as of 11:15 p.m. EDT)	

willing to give Dion, who struggled with English and his ability to connect with voters, a second chance.

Liberals Bob Rae and Michael Ignatieff — Dion's rivals for the party leadership — both won their Toronto seats last night, ensuring that leadership speculation remains alive.

NDP Leader Jack Layton, 58, improved his party's standings, winning a seat in New-

foundland and sweeping northern Ontario. While Layton had campaigned to be Prime Minister, in reality aspired to replace the Liberals as official opposition and lost on both counts, yesterday's results give NDP a stronger voice in Parliament.

The result marks Canada's third minority government in four years. And it means the Conservatives will continue to face three progressive-leaning parties in Parliament.

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OPP harvest ticket haul on Thanksgiving weekend's Operation Impact

Ottawa provincial police issued 90 tickets over the long weekend as part of Operation Impact, including one to a driver who was charged under the stunt driving law for going 140 kilometres per hour in a posted 80-kmh zone. Another driver was remanded in custody for breaking bail conditions.

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McGuinty calls for 'federal fairness'

In casting his ballot yesterday at Featherstone Drive Public School in Ottawa South — the riding represented by his brother David McGuinty — Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday that federal fairness towards Ontario was crucial amidst the current economic crisis. The premier has long complained Ontario gets short-changed by more than \$2 billion every year in federal equalization transfers.

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City riding banks on Baird again

WEST-NEPEAN A triumphant Conservative John Baird, re-elected yesterday in a hotly-contested fight against Liberal David Pratt, pledged to clean up the Ottawa River and address city transit challenges.

"Together we have made history tonight in Ottawa West-Nepean," Baird told supporters sipping violently blue martinis at his campaign headquarters. "I think it's the first time in about three generations that a Conservative has not just been elected but been re-elected."

The Liberals had held Ottawa West-Nepean for 16 years before Baird took it from Pratt in 2006, and the Liberals worked hard to defeat Baird, trying to convince New Democrat and Green party supporters to vote Liberal to avoid vote-splitting.

"It's demonstrably better than I think anyone could have expected," said the feisty Baird, appointed environment minister in January 2007 by Prime Minister Stephen Harper. He wouldn't comment on whether he expects to be reappointed to the portfolio.

Pratt was first elected to Parliament in 1997 and held the defence post under former Prime Minister Paul Martin.

The two heavyweight candidates overshadowed the others: Marlene Rivier (NDP), Frances Coates (Green), Alex McDonald (Communist), and David Page (Independent).

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Capital keeps its course

Familiar cast of incumbents returns to the Hill

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Steady as she goes.

That's what the capital region appeared to tell its federal politicians last night when they declined to upset the region's make-up in the House of Commons and returned incumbent MPs for a new

term on Parliament Hill.

The return of a Conservative Party government to the Hill was helped by the re-election of the Tories' Ottawa members: John Baird (Ottawa West-Nepean), Pierre Poilievre (Nepean Carleton), Royal Galipeau (Ottawa-Orleans) and Gordon O'Connor (Carleton-Mississippi Mills). Baird, Canada's en-

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vironment minister, and Poilievre, a third-term MP, both won their ridings by wide margins.

The capital's MPs in opposition also received a new mandate. In Ottawa Centre, Paul Dewar handily outpaced Liberal rival Penny Collette in the

riding for the New Democratic Party while in the south and east of the city, Liberals David McGuinty (Ottawa South) and Mauril Belanger (Ottawa-Vanier) held fast for their party.

On the Quebec side of the capital region, the status quo also appeared to reign, as Bloc Quebecois incumbent Richard Nadeau was narrowly

staving off the New Democrats' determined effort to replace him with Liberal-turned-NDP Françoise Boivin in Gatineau riding, as of Metro's deadline last night.

In Hull-Aylmer, Liberal fixture Marcel Proulx again carried the riding while in the Pontiac, Conservative Lawrence Cannon won the day.

Dewar does it again in Ottawa Centre

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By holding the Ottawa Centre riding for the New Democrats in last night's federal election, victor Paul Dewar insists it proves that the party is here for real.

"I try to practice what I call communitarian politics," said Dewar last night. "It shows that we're here and we're a voice and I don't anticipate we're going anywhere any time soon."

Dewar retained his seat solidly, fending off tough competition from Liberal Penny Collette, Conservative Brian McGarry and Green Jen Hunter. Once again, Dewar will be the only New Democrat representing a riding in the capital re-

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gion.

In his victory speech, Dewar took time to honour his mother — former Ottawa Mayor Marion Dewar — who passed away at the age of 80, just days after the election was called.

Her death both helped and hampered Dewar's campaign. Community sympathy and goodwill may have buoyed Dewar's support, but her untimely death meant he had little time for campaigning early on. But he made up for the slow start, with 40 per cent of the vote in his corner as of Metro's deadline last night.

Liberal candidate Penny Collette finished second while Conservative candi-

date Brian McGarry finished a close third.

Dewar increased his share of the votes by four per cent, while both Collette and McGarry saw the percentage of their party's support drop slightly from 2006.

McGarry was facing an uphill battle from the start. Ottawa Centre has elected either a Liberal or NDP candidate for the past 40 years, except for a six-month stint beginning in October 1978 when Progressive Conservative Robert de Cotret took the seat.

The NDP has held the riding since former party leader Ed Broadbent won it in 2004. When Broadbent retired from politics in 2006, Dewar took his place and won the riding handily with 37 per cent of the votes.

Ottawa Centre NDP Paul Dewar enters the Sala San Marco Banquet Centre after winning his seat for a second consecutive term.

Established Grit fends off Tory challenge for 6th term

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A promising young Conservative lawyer for the Department of Justice had a good showing for Ottawa-Vanier, but it wasn't enough to unseat a veteran Liberal MP.

In a riding that has long been painted Liberal red, Ottawa-Vanier residents last night returned riding incumbent Mauril Belanger for another term.

The 53-year-old Liberal beat Tory Patrick Glemaud, 40, and was leading with a 46.2 margin of the vote as of Metro's deadline last night.

"I want to thank the people of Ottawa-Vanier for the

sixth term in 13 years," said Belanger.

Belanger, who focused on the hyper-local issue of keeping an inter-provincial bridge crossing off of Kettle Island in his riding, celebrated his victory at his Montreal Road campaign office last night.

"The main local issue was obviously to get traffic out of the city," said Belanger.

"I pledge that we will work incessantly and to get a bridge, but in the right spot, not Kettle Island," Belanger said. "We will get a bridge, we will get trucks out of the core and we will



Returned to Ottawa-Vanier for a sixth time, Liberal incumbent Mauril Belanger greets a supporter at a victory party at his campaign office last night.

get a ring road in the National Capital Region."

Belanger, who said that Parliamentarians have to

show each other more respect, was first elected in Ottawa-Vanier in a February 1995 by-election and was re-

elected in 1997, 2000, 2004 and 2006. He served as the Official Opposition Critic for Canadian Heritage, Francophonie and Official Languages, a Deputy House Leader, Minister responsible for Official Languages and Minister for Internal Trade.

Supporter Catherine Luxton, 19, said she would have been very surprised if the longstanding MP didn't win.

"Mauril has been there now for many years and really knows what he's talking about. He knows all the issues and works for the people here," said supporter Diane Fontaine. "Anytime there is a problem, he calls back right away," said supporter Michelle Begin.

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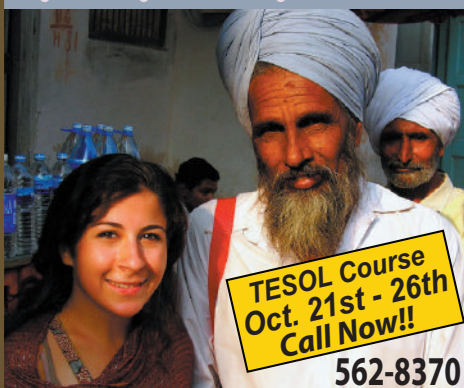
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Mentoring leads to friendship

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Dave Sullivan and Brandon Calbeck are typical guy friends. They get together once a week or so. When they do, they like to watch hockey, go swimming, play Laser Tag and talk. They share an interest in geography and travel.

This could be a story found on every city block, except that Dave is twice Brandon's age.

Dave, 28, and Brandon, 14, met two years ago through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ottawa. Sullivan, who's always wanted to have a real little brother — "I have two sisters," he said — was looking to give back to the community when he signed on with the organization.

While he expected to make a difference in a young person's life, he never expected to find such a good friend. "We really

have more of a friend-relationship than a big brother, little brother relationship," said Dave, a Gatineau resident who works as a web communications advisor for Health Canada.

Now a Grade 9 student, Brandon got into Big Brothers when his mother learned of the program through a friend. The Ottawa organization serves 1,100 children a year and currently has 180 one-on-one matches, said Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Ottawa programs director, Julie Crabtree.

On the flipside, there are 160 Littles — 100 of which are boys — on the waiting list.

"Our biggest need is for Big Brothers," Crabtree said. When I met up with the guys at a local bowling alley recently, I quickly found their friendship wasn't what I'd expected.

Aside from the age difference, there's virtually no difference between these friends and any others spending some time at the popular hangout. Like other friends, they catch up on each other's lives. They toss good-natured insults and



Dave Sullivan, 28, and Brandon Calbeck, 14, check out some games on a recent outing together.

slap high-fives.

There's no condescension, no dispensing advice or mentoring in the traditional sense. There's an easy, natural friendship, enviable by anyone who's ever wanted a cool older sibling.

"Of course, there's still an opportunity to mentor," said Dave. "But we just like to talk about stuff as it comes. I don't want to take on a role."

"It's neat to be friends with someone from a different generation," he said. "I learn stuff from Brandon all the time. He teaches me about cars and computers and has more strongly formed ideas and

opinions than many of my friends do."

"We talk about different stuff than my friends and I do," said Brandon.

Although Crabtree said the match commitment is only for a year and is automatically terminated when Brandon turns 18, many relationships continue to grow beyond that time, she said.

Both Dave and Brandon say they'll keep in touch.

"This could definitely be a lifetime thing," said Dave.

How many friends have you said that about?

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A search continues for two Bangladeshi men who went missing after apparently trying to swim to shore from a cargo ship moored in Vancouver's English Bay. Three crew members were reported missing Monday morning from the Panamanian-registered tanker ship, *Ginga Falcon*, which was anchored less than a kilometre from shore. The body of one of the men was found Monday, but there has been no sign of the other two.

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Doctors must care for mother, not kids

Requiring physicians to look out for the welfare of yet-to-be-conceived children would force them into an impossible conflict between acting in the best interests of a woman they're treating and the welfare her future child, the court said in a unanimous decision yesterday. It would also have profound implications for society, by interfering with a woman's autonomy, including her right to have

- Through her parents, Jaime sued Ramji for negligence, arguing he had a duty to ensure children born to her mother wouldn't be exposed to the drug's risks.

an abortion and make decisions about medical treatment, the court said in setting aside a trial judge's finding from two years ago.

"Because the woman and her fetus are one, both physically and legally, it is the woman whom the doctor advises and who makes the treatment decisions affecting herself and her future child," said Justice Kathryn Feldman.

who wrote the judgment for a three-judge panel.

The court was ruling in the case of Jaime Paxton, 5, who was born severely disabled after her mother, Dawn, began taking Accutane, a drug known to cause catastrophic injuries to a fetus.

Shaffiq Ramji, the Newmarket doctor who prescribed the medication in 2002, believed there was no chance Dawn Paxton would become pregnant because her husband had undergone a vasectomy more than four years earlier.

Paul Paxton's vasectomy failed around the time his wife began using the drug.

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The image is a side-by-side comparison. On the left is a photograph of a man with dark, wavy hair, wearing a dark suit jacket over a light-colored shirt and a patterned tie. He is looking slightly to his right with a faint smile. On the right is a photograph of a yellow rectangular sign. At the top of the sign is a blue square with a white wheelchair symbol. Below this is a large black square containing a white circle with a black 'X' inside. Underneath the circle is the text 'Electronics Canada' in a small, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the sign is a large, hollow downward-pointing arrow.

Liberal candidate Justin Trudeau smiles as he visits a polling station in his Papineau riding of Montreal, yesterday.

DROWNING The drowning deaths of two young men Saturday were the result of a murder-suicide, police say. Colman Le-

ung and George Ngo drowned when the van they were driving sank in Lake Ontario in Toronto.

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RCMP A deadline on whether charges will be laid against the four RCMP officers involved in the Taser incident that led to the death of Robert Dziekanski will lapse this week.

Dziekanski, 40, died on Oct. 4, 2007, after he was Tasered by RCMP officers responding to a call at the Vancouver airport.

An inquiry into his death was postponed until next month.

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DEATH The Canadian military has dropped all charges against Master Cpl. Robbie Fraser in connection with an incident that led to the death of his friend, Master Cpl. Jeffrey Walsh.

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Toronto buys into solar-thermal systems

Toronto has become the first major city in North America to purchase large amounts of solar heat to offset its use of fossil fuels in buildings.

And local taxpayers won't have to pay an extra dime.

The city has selected two companies to install, own and operate solar-thermal equipment at 20 municipal

sites, which are expected to include community centres, water treatment facilities, shelters and seniors' residences across town.

In return, the city has signed a 20-year contract to purchase the heat energy from those sites at a fixed price competitive to current natural gas rates.

Heat is captured from the sun and used to pro-

"Toronto has cast the die, made the mould, so that other municipalities will follow in the same footsteps."

Alex Winch

duce hot water for showers, swimming pools and some industrial processes.

Mondial Energy Inc. of Toronto was chosen for 15 of the sites, with the re-

maining five going to CC Solar Inc., also of Toronto.

Both companies are among a new breed of service providers called "solar utilities," which sell

energy — heat or electricity — rather than technology and equipment.

Alex Winch, president of Mondial, said the contract with Toronto sets a precedent that other municipalities are watching as part of efforts to reduce greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change.

"Toronto has cast the die, made the mould, so

that other municipalities will follow in the same footsteps," Winch said.

Mondial is spending the next few weeks with city staff scouting sites for the solar-thermal systems. Once locations are set, construction will likely begin in March and the systems are expected to be operational next summer.

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Edmonton Fire rips through homes



Cars and houses sit charred after a blaze ripped through the Terwillegar Towne neighborhood in Edmonton yesterday. Five detached garages were annihilated and three other homes were badly damaged. Four firefighters were injured, but none of the residents were hurt.

Judge mulls terror suspect's 4th bail effort

COURT The last terrorism suspect held in custody on a national security certificate has the backing of a wide spectrum of supporters, including Montreal filmmaker Alexandre Trudeau, a Kingston imam who has counselled prisoners for 30 years and a Toronto natural health practitioner.

But the question federal Justice Minister Michael Mosley will be left to decide is whether Hassan Almrei's supporters and the more than \$40,000 in bail they've pledged are enough to ensure the 34-year-old Syrian

No family, no bail

• Hassan Almrei does not have a family to live with in Canada. In his past three attempts at bail, this has been cited as a reason to continue his detention.

refugee will not break the conditions of his release.

Those proposed restrictions include no cellphone or Internet access and not being allowed to leave his home unaccompanied.

Almrei would also be under supervision by the Canada Border Services

Agency with a GPS monitoring bracelet, cameras inside and outside his house, and a phone tap.

Almrei has been in custody for more than seven years on allegation by Canada's spy service that he once belonged to a terrorist forgery ring and supports the ideology espoused by Osama bin Laden.

The public hearings for Almrei's detention review are expected to conclude early next week. Mosley will likely not render a decision until later this fall.

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Expect more drama in House

Experts talk about possible scenarios with another Tory minority

As the dust settles from another federal election, Canadians may spend today blinking and wondering whether the past five weeks were just a dream.

But despite the same old outcome yesterday — Prime Minister Stephen Harper in charge of a minority government — the Canadian constitution does allow for some unlikely but interesting possibilities in the months to come.

Three constitutional experts weighed in with scenarios that could change the status quo.

A crucial thing to remem-

ber is while the Governor General is not obliged to follow the will of the prime minister, she has to be careful exercising this authority, said Edward McWhinney, a former Liberal MP who has advised heads of state on constitutional matters.

"The Governor General is part of our checks and balances and there is a discretionary role still. There is the power to act in certain circumstances, but the Governor General is not elected and it is a power that would be used only with extreme caution," he said.

"The Governor General is entitled to inquire and find out whether somebody else will enjoy the confidence of the House."

Professor emeritus Ned Franks

After an election the initiative remains with the prime minister and he is entitled to face the House of Commons.

Once the House of Commons is in session, a minority government always has the chance of being defeated on a non-confidence motion.

This would not necessarily mean the calling of a

new election, said Queen's University professor emeritus Ned Franks, especially if the vote were to occur within a few months of Parliament reconvening.

Instead, "the Governor General is entitled to inquire and find out whether somebody else will enjoy the confidence of the House," Franks said.

"This would not be (a par-

ty leader) just saying, 'Oh sure, I have it! No problem,'" he said. Rather, he said, two or even three parties would have to credibly undertake to enjoy the confidence of the House together — and make a public commitment to govern as a partnership "for a period of say, two years."

However, University of Toronto professor emeritus Peter Russell felt coalition power-sharing was an unlikely prospect in the current political landscape, even if the Liberals were to hold the most seats.

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Final poll numbers

Who was most accurate?

Angus Reid Strategies (Oct. 13)

Conservative — 37
Liberal — 27
NDP — 20
Bloc — 9
Green — 7

Harris-Decima (Oct. 13)

Conservative — 34
Liberal — 25
NDP — 19
Bloc — 11
Green — 9

Nik Nanos (Oct. 12)

Conservative — 34.2
Liberal — 26.7
NDP — 21.4
Bloc — 9.5
Green — 8.2

EKOS (Oct. 13)

Conservative — 34.8
Liberal — 26.4
NDP — 19.4
Bloc — 9.8
Green — 9.6

Strategic Counsel (Oct. 13)

Conservative — 33
Liberal — 28
NDP — 18
Green — 11
Bloc — 10

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Recap

Conservatives dominate in the West

RETURNS Conservatives won the west by dominating in Alberta and Saskatchewan as expected, and the NDP made gains at the Liberals' expense in Manitoba and British Columbia.

B.C. was the biggest western question mark, with three-way races in ridings so tight that both Stéphane Dion and Stephen Harper made last-minute pitches in the province on their final day of the campaign.

With 36 of the 92 western seats on offer, battleground British Columbia could have given the Conservatives a majority. But while the Tories made gains, they weren't enough.

The Conservatives were leading in 24 ridings, the NDP with five and the Liberals with two in early polling results an hour after polling stations closed.

In the divided urban Vancouver ridings, the battle was mainly between the Liberals and the NDP, while the Conservatives dominated the fast-growing eastern suburbs.

The safest seat for B.C. Liberals was supposed to be Vancouver South, where former Liberal cabinet minister Ujjal Dosanjh was set to win again handily. For the NDP, the Vancouver East riding by party House Leader Libby Davies was also a sure thing.

But the pivotal seat of Vancouver Centre, where Liberal MP Hedy Fry faced three strong challengers was too close to call.

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Tories break through in Ontario

Stephen Harper's Conservatives have broken a 15-year Liberal stranglehold on Ontario.

While early returns showed the Tories did not win enough of Ontario's 106 seats to secure a majority government, party insiders were elated last night at besting Stéphane Dion's Liberals in Canada's most populous province.

"Winning Ontario is a huge triumph for Stephen Harper," Conservative Environment Minister John Baird, the prime minister's Ontario point man, said last night.

"We need to focus like a laser on the economy. Ontario's future depends on it," Baird, re-elected in Ottawa West-Nepean, told the Torstar News Service.

"The people of Ontario have given great support to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and we will work hard to honour that trust."

In the city of Toronto, for years a Liberal stronghold for the Liberals, the two men seen as frontrunners to replace Dion as leader, Michael Ignatieff (Etobicoke-Lakeshore) and Bob Rae (Toronto Centre) were easily re-elected.

But the news was bad for the Liberals outside the city limits.

Former Tory turned Independent turned Liberal Garth Turner lost to Conservative Lisa Raitt, the CEO of the Toronto Port Authority and a possible future cabinet minister.

A disappointed Turner said the "Liberals, my party, failed to deliver a real coherent response to the economic and financial crisis."

In Oakville, former Tory MPP Terence Young topped



Supporter Tara Veer waits for Conservative Leader Stephen Harper last night at his election headquarters in Calgary.

"Winning Ontario is a huge triumph for Stephen Harper. We need to focus like a laser on the economy. Ontario's future depends on it."

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Liberal incumbent Bonnie Brown.

In Newmarket-Aurora, a seat that had been held by retired Liberal Belinda Stronach, the Magna auto heiress, was won by Conservative Lois Brown.

There was a rare bit of good news for the Liberals in Mississauga-Streetsville,

where Conservative incumbent Wajid Khan, who crossed the floor from the Grits, lost to his former party's Bonnie Crombie.

Health Minister Tony Clement, who won one of the tightest races in 2006, winning Parry Sound-Muskoka by just 28 votes, had a far more comfortable

time last night.

Conservative cabinet ministers Baird, Bev Oda, Jim Flaherty, Helena Guergis, Rob Nicholson, Diane Finley, Peter Van Loan also all held onto their seats.

When the election was called, there were 51 Liberals MPs, 41 Conservatives, 12 New Democrats and two vacancies in Ontario.

The last time the Liberals finished second in Ontario was a generation ago in the 1988 election. That year, the Progressive Conservatives won 46 seats to the Liberals' 43.

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News in brief

TURNOUT Advocates have tried to convince young people to vote for their future; immigrants to vote for their new country; and everyone else who's eligible to just get off their couches and vote because it's the right thing to do. Those activists will be scouring the election results today to see whether their efforts paid off. As preliminary results rolled in last night, it was difficult to tell whether turnout was up or down from the last federal election. In 2006, it was 64.7 per cent, up from 2004's turnout of 60.9 per cent. A steady improvement in this election could be a sign that the pressure to vote is starting to have an effect. A further decline would be the latest evidence that Canadians don't feel compelled to vote the way they did 50 years ago when voting peaked with more than 79 per cent going to the polls.

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\$290M

The estimated cost of this federal election is \$290 million, according to Elections Canada. That puts the price tag at \$837 million for the last three elections held in the last four years (\$270 million — 2006; \$277 million — 2004).

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Atlantic

Tories wiped out in Newfoundland

N.L. Conservatives were shut out of Newfoundland and Labrador, where Premier Danny Williams ran an anti-Tory campaign stemming from a bitter feud over control of offshore energy revenues.

The Conservatives lost all three of their seats in the province, including Avalon, where incumbent Fabian Manning lost to Liberal candidate Scott Andrews.

The news was better for the Conservatives elsewhere in the Atlantic provinces, where they picked up four seats from the Liberals.

Bill Casey, booted out of the Tory caucus last year for voting against the federal budget after a dispute involving the Atlantic Accord, was re-elected as an Independent in Nova Scotia.

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Quebec

Harper given the benefit of doubt

SEATS Quebecers saw fit to give Prime Minister Stephen Harper the benefit of the doubt yesterday.

Shortly after the polls closed, the Conservatives were leading or elected in 10 ridings in Quebec, one fewer than at Parliament's dissolution, hinting that Tory support had been underestimated in polls showing the Tories could lose as many as five seats.

Another surprising result in Quebec was the strength of Stéphane Dion's Liberals.

The Bloc Québécois, after what analysts said was a good campaign by leader Gilles Duceppe, was holding in 50 ridings late in the evening. They captured 51 seats in 2006.

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Green Party leader Elizabeth May stands at the podium during a speech at a post-election rally in New Glasgow, N.S., last night.

May fails in bid to unseat MacKay

Green Party leader Elizabeth May, a proponent of a Canadian carbon tax, fell short yesterday in her bid to become the environmental party's first elected member of the nation's Parliament, according to media projections.

May lost an attempt to unseat Conservative Defense Minister Peter MacKay in Nova Scotia, an effort by the Greens that was seen as a long shot despite an agreement by the Liberals not to field a candidate in that race.

May, a bubbly political and environmental activist, said she expects to remain as a party leader despite not getting a seat. "It's not per-

One when writ dropped

• The Greens' only member of Parliament when the writ dropped was Blair Wilson, elected in 2006 as a Liberal in British

Columbia before becoming an independent and joining the Greens days before the election campaign began in September.

fect, but it's not unheard of," she told CTV Television. May made only one cross-country campaign trip — a whistle-stop tour using a regularly scheduled passenger train — and spent nearly all her time campaigning to win the seat in her home province of Nova Scotia.

May had an unusual agreement with Liberal Party leader Stéphane Dion to not field candidates against each other. Both

supported the adoption of a national carbon tax.

The parties denied the deal meant they were opponents in name only, and Dion warned late in the campaign that votes for the Greens would only hurt his own uphill battle against Conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who has been projected by three television networks to win a stronger minority government.

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Vote unlikely to affect stock markets

TSX Toronto's benchmark stock index may have "outperformed" Wall Street's S&P 500 under previous minority governments, but history may not repeat itself this time around because the financial crisis is threatening to trigger a global recession, investment experts predicted yesterday.

The deepening financial crisis largely eclipsed the federal election, prompting Toronto's S&P/TSX Composite Index to fall in tandem with key stock markets around the globe.

While the TSX managed to recoup a portion of those losses during yesterday's massive 9.82 per cent

"The systematic effect of what is happening in the financial markets so swamps this election."

Eric Kirzner

rally, it is still down nearly 34 per cent from its all-time high set in June.

"The systematic effect of what is happening in the financial markets so swamps this election," said Eric Kirzner, a professor of finance at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management. "Toronto cannot be driven by unique factors — not a chance."

The arrival of another minority Conservative government — with both the Liberals and New Democrats holding some power as opposition parties — will likely spark muted gains for the TSX because minority Parliaments "have often worked very well," he said.

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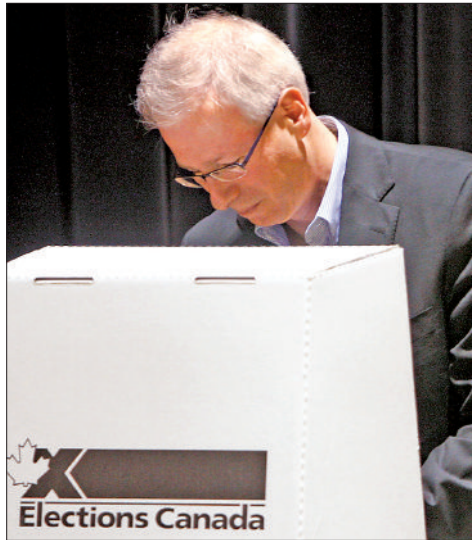
Dion's uphill battle

Stéphane Dion, 53, running a national election campaign as leader for the first time, spent most of the contest playing catch-up.

Despite 19 months at the helm of the Liberal party, he was still trying to cement a positive image with voters. Unpopular with many Quebecers because of his efforts during the Jean Chrétien years to rein in nationalist aspirations, and little known among English Canadians, the Liberal standard bearer was at a tremendous disadvantage against veteran campaigners like Harper and the NDP's Jack Layton.

He was hamstrung by divisions within his own party and, for more than a year, the Conservatives spent millions of dollars on advertising targeting Dion in an effort to make him appear weak, indecisive and nerdy.

Voters' cool attitude toward Dion was a problem at the door for the Liberals throughout the 37-day effort, candidates said private-



Liberal leader Stéphane Dion marks his ballot as he votes in his riding of Saint Laurent-Cartierville in Montreal, yesterday.

ly. And he confided late in the campaign that the unprecedented barrage of negative personal advertising was more damaging than he had realized at first.

But the most devastating moment in the entire campaign came as Dion was starting to hit his stride in the next-to-last week. CTV took the controversial step

of airing an embarrassing interview segment with Dion after agreeing to treat it as an outtake. With Harper jumping in to accuse Dion of incompetence after the interview became public, the Liberals' own polling numbers took a sharp dive as many voters apparently began to wonder if Dion was ready to be prime minister.

Dion's campaign also suffered from being built around the Green Shift strategy for fighting climate change. While it balanced higher fuel taxes with deep income tax cuts, the plan was open to being characterized by Harper and Layton as a huge tax grab.

By the end of the first week, Harper held a daunting lead in the polls and many Canadians, including some Liberals, were writing the Liberal leader off as a hopeless loser.

But Dion, who won his party's leadership against all odds and is used to being underestimated, never conceded defeat.

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Tories fail to crack large urban centres

CITIES There were few bright lights in Canada's biggest cities for the Conservatives last night as Prime Minister Stephen Harper's promises largely failed to stir urban voters.

A lack of major breakthroughs in Toronto and Montreal followed a push by activists seeking more help from the Conservatives for cash-strapped cities.

Their message to Harper was simple: pay more attention to municipal issues or pay the price at the ballot box.

"I think the election results speak for themselves," said Toronto Mayor David Miller, who

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David Miller, mayor of Toronto

singled out the Conservatives as the only party that did not offer hope of "substantial" aid from Ottawa for cities.

In early tallies, the Conservatives were on the way to nine seats in the Toronto area — up from six — none in Montreal, according to the Elections Canada website. In early returns, the Conservatives were doing well in Vancouver, however, leading in 12 seats compared with five for the NDP and two for the Liberals.

Still, across the country, Harper's party appeared headed for more seats than the 2006 election, giving the prime minister a larger minority government.

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NDP win new seats, 'building project' continues

NDP It wasn't the orange wave that NDP Leader Jack Layton predicted across Canada, but for the New Democrats it was a respectable showing last night with several new seats.

"We are up everywhere in popular vote," party spokesperson Karl Bélanger told Torstar News Service last night.

"We won a seat for the first time in Newfoundland in a general election. The trend is good, but is obviously still a building project. This campaign will

definitely set the base for next step," Bélanger said.

The new seats, most of them in Ontario, mean that Layton's record is intact.

This is the third campaign for Layton, 58, since he took over the leadership in 2003. In that time, he brought the NDP from 13 seats to the 30 seats the party had when parliament was dissolved Sept. 7.

The strong Conservative minority puts to rest any

talk of a coalition featuring the Liberals and NDP.

Trying to separate himself from the pack, Layton lashed out at the big banks and oil companies for ripping consumers off, aided and abetted by the Conservative and Liberal parties poised to give them huge tax cuts.

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Jack Layton

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Cherry-flavoured malaria pill goes down easier with kids

A new, cherry-flavoured anti-malaria pill works as well as current treatments, is easy for children to swallow and could save lives, researchers reported. The tablet is not as bitter as current drugs and does not need to be crushed before eating, making it easier for children to take. **REUTERS**

World



Surgery patients untested

Americans on Medicare who get elective surgery to open blocked heart arteries often do not get the recommended stress tests to confirm the surgery is warranted, researchers said yesterday. The surgery costs the U.S. \$10,000 to \$15,000 per procedure and has contributed significantly to increases in Medicare spending since the mid-1990s. **REUTERS**

McCain offers investors aid

In an effort to revive his campaign, Republican presidential nominee John McCain offered proposals yesterday to help investors rebound from the market crash while Democrat Barack Obama prepared for the candidates' final debate today.

"What we need to see now is swift and bold action to lead this country in a new direction," McCain told cheering supporters in the battleground state of

Pennsylvania.

In the Philadelphia suburb of Blue Bell, McCain outlined an estimated \$52.5 billion in new proposals. Many of them are aimed at helping older Americans who have seen their retirement accounts hit in recent stock market gyrations.

McCain also proposed relief for Americans counting on investment income to send children to college or pay the mortgage.

McCain has sought to regain his footing on economic issues after drawing criticism for saying the U.S. economy's fundamentals were strong, despite signs of crisis that gave way to the biggest stock market drop since the Great Depression.

In bad news for the McCain campaign, a poll yesterday gave Obama leads in four battleground states. He was up 52 per cent to McCain's 43 per cent in

Debate prep

- Obama shook hands with workers at an Ohio factory, then holed up at a resort on Lake Erie to prepare.
- McCain rehearsed for the debate in a closed-door session at a stage complex in Manhattan.

Colorado, 54-38 in Michigan, 51-40 in Minnesota and 54-37 in Wisconsin. **REUTERS**

Markets slip as U.S. unveils bank share plan

FINANCE The United States ushered in a new era in banking yesterday with plans to take equity stakes totalling up to \$250 billion in financial institutions, an incursion into the private sector that U.S. officials called a regrettable last resort.

Markets initially rallied on the rescue plan, but recession fears soon took over and Wall Street stocks closed lower.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said government ownership of big stakes in banks was "objectionable" but necessary to head off the financial crisis.

Governments around the world have pledged roughly \$3.2 trillion in a

variety of schemes that guarantee bank deposits, interbank lending and the purchase of new securities to shore up bank capital.

The U.S. Treasury will buy nonvoting preferred shares in major financial institutions, with stakes in each limited to \$25 billion. Bank executives must accept standards of corporate governance and limits on their pay.

Paulson said nine banks that he described as "healthy institutions" had agreed to accept government stakes for the good of the U.S. economy — a government intervention unthinkable before the credit crisis, the worst since the 1930s Great Depression. **REUTERS**

More Thai troops bound for border with Cambodia

TENSION Thailand sent more soldiers to a disputed stretch of the Cambodian border near the 900-year-old Preah Vihear temple yesterday, a Thai general said, after a Cambodian general said Thai troops had pulled back.

Eastern Region Commander Vibulsak Neepan said troops from both sides had retreated slightly but were facing off about 100 metres apart and Bangkok was sending in reinforcements.

"The situation is quite tense at the front line," Lieutenant-General Vibulsak said. "We have mobilized more troops and heavy artillery to the area, just enough to resist and retaliate."

His comments came shortly after Cambodian commander General Chea Mon said by telephone from the border that nearly 100 Thai soldiers alleged to have made an incursion onto Cambodian soil had retreated. **REUTERS**

Los Angeles Watching and waiting



Residents Eric Francisco, left, and wife Shirley Francisco watch a news broadcast of the Los Angeles fires with other evacuees yesterday. Firefighters made gains against the flames yesterday as winds stoking the fires diminished. At least 3,000 people remain evacuated.

News in brief

FRANCE The head of the company commercializing Tasers in France was placed in custody on suspicion of mounting illegal surveillance of a popular politician and Taser critic. Nine others, including five

policemen, were placed in custody on suspicion of spying on Olivier Besancenot, spokesman of the Communist Revolutionary League.

STORM Puerto Rico and other

Caribbean islands were put under a hurricane watch yesterday as Tropical Storm Omar strengthened. The storm's winds grew to 70 miles per hour, just under the threshold for a hurricane. **REUTERS**

Afghan insurgency spreading: UN envoy

MILITANTS The insurgency in Afghanistan has spread beyond Taliban strongholds in the south and east while attacks in the country have reached a six-year high, a top UN envoy said yesterday.

Violence in Afghanistan this year is worse than at any time since U.S.-led and Afghan forces toppled the militant Islamist Taliban, and fears are growing among NATO members that they are losing both the military campaign and the support of Afghans.


"In July and August we witnessed the highest number of security incidents since 2002," UN special envoy to Afghanistan

Civilian deaths

- Last week the U.S. said 33 Afghan civilians had been killed in a U.S. air raid in August, up from an estimate of five to seven. The incident strained with Kabul and the United Nations.

Kai Eide told the UN Security Council. The rise over the same period in 2007 was nearly 40 per cent, he said.

Eide said the insurgency has extended to provinces around Kabul. There has also been an increase in attacks on civilians, including humanitarian personnel, he said. **REUTERS**



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TSX gives thanks with record rally

Toronto's premier stock index staged a massive rebound yesterday, surging nearly 900 points, as investors cheered plans by U.S. and European governments to collectively invest about \$2.5 trillion US of taxpayer money into beaten-down bank stocks with an eye to preventing a global recession.

The S&P/TSX composite index — which was closed for the Thanksgiving Day holiday — was quick to play "catch up" to Mon-

day's colossal rally in global markets, surging in early trading by as much as 18 per cent and recording its biggest-ever intraday spike. It later gave back a huge swath of that gain, closing up 9.82 per cent, or 890.5 points, at 9,955.66. Nonetheless, it was the steepest percentage advance on record for the index.

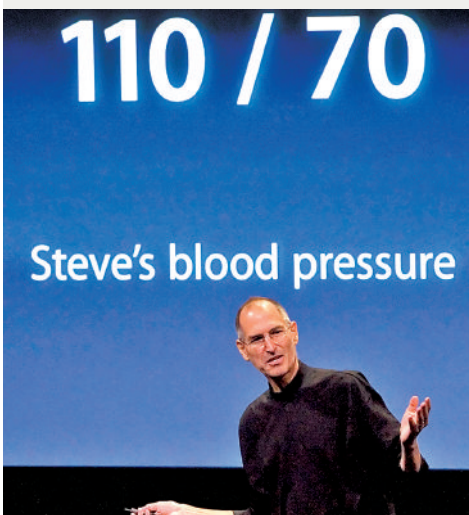
Still, the TSX remains in bear market territory, down nearly 34 per cent from its record high set June 18. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Daimler to close Ontario plant

CLOSURE Truckmaker Daimler AG will close two plants, in St. Thomas, Ont. and Portland, Ore., to address a deep market slump that shows no signs of eas-

ing, it said yesterday. The facility will close in March, putting 720 people out of work, and improving annual earnings by \$900 million US by 2011. **REUTERS**

Apple Stressful MacBook debut



Steve Jobs, Apple Inc.'s chief executive officer, makes a joke about his blood pressure after introducing the latest line of MacBook notebooks — with all-metal design, 3D graphics and LED backlit displays — yesterday in Cupertino, Calif.

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Business in brief

AUTOS Labour unions in the U.S. and Canada expressed concern about the prospect of job losses from any merger between General Motors and Chrysler. The potential merger remains just speculation.

ONLINE eBay plays a major expansion of its U.S. web classifieds unit Kijiji as its online auctions slow, but experts say it's unlikely it will overtake rival Craigslist, the dominant player in the U.S. **REUTERS**

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Madden breaks his consecutive commentary streak

John Madden, who has called an NFL football game in 476 consecutive weeks, will take this Sunday off to spend more time with his family. The 72-year-old, who travels by bus because of a fear of flying, would have had to travel to Tampa from San Diego, where the Chargers defeated the Patriots Sunday night.

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Pacman suspended indefinitely

Dallas Cowboys cornerback Adam (Pacman) Jones has been suspended indefinitely without pay by the NFL for an alcohol-related altercation with a personal security guard at a Dallas hotel last week. Jones will be suspended at least four games for violating his reinstatement arrangement, which expected the 25-year-old to refrain from any behavior that puts him, his team or the league in a negative light.

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Jagr-less N.Y. in charge

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They no longer have **Jaromir Jagr**, but they have, um, **Aaron Voros** — and the New York Rangers are on fire.

And if they defeat the Buffalo Sabres tomorrow night, the Rangers will catapult to 6-0, which would be the best start in their long history.

"We honestly didn't expect to come out of the gate like this," goaltender **Henrik Lundqvist** confessed.

"But we're realizing we have something special. We're exceeding expectations because our players have some surprising skills."

Among them is Voros, a 27-year-old Vancouver native initially chosen 229th overall in the 2001 NHL

Stairs enjoying himself

Former Blue Jay **Matt Stairs**, who hit a dramatic, game-winning, pinch-hit home run in the Philadelphia Phillies' triumph over the Los Angeles Dodgers in the NL championship series Monday night, is anything but traditional when it comes to his hitting philosophy.

While virtually every other major-leaguer claims they step to the plate with the objective of making good contact, Stairs openly admits he aims for homers. "I try to hit the ball out of the park," he said. "I'm not going to lie. It's fun."

Draft. He couldn't reach the NHL until last season, when he had a cup of coffee with Minnesota.

On Monday, in the Rangers' 4-1 triumph over the New Jersey Devils, Voros stood out with two goals and an assist, pushing his points total to seven. He produced only 14 points in 55 games with the Wild last season.

"When we scouted him, we saw a greasy player who would work hard and go to the difficult areas to score goals," Rangers coach **Tom Renney** said of Voros, whom the Rangers signed as a free agent this

past summer. "We got him for a reason, and he's doing exactly what we figured he'd do."

Jagr, meanwhile, is playing for Avangard Omsk in the Kontinental Hockey League, and, privately, the Rangers are whispering they're better off without the future Hall of Famer and his mood swings.

It's very early in the NHL season, but sources tell us:

Mike Keenan will be toast as Calgary coach if the Flames don't get hot soon.

Luke Schenn is poised as an 18-year-old defenceman



Jaromir Jagr

Atlanta thrashed by Wild

NHL ROUNDOUP

Minnesota 4, Atlanta 2

HOCKEY Antti Miettinen scored twice and Andrew Brunette had a goal and an assist as the Minnesota Wild dispatched of the Atlanta Thrashers by a 4-2 margin at Philips Arena.

Marian Gaborik added an unassisted tally while

Miettinen also assisted on Brunette's first period goal. Niklas Backstrom halted 24-of-26 shots to get the win for the Wild, who won their season opener at home on Saturday, 4-3, against Boston.

Penguins 3 Flyers 2 (OT) Pascal Dupuis scored with 11 seconds remaining in overtime to give the Pittsburgh Penguins their second overtime win of the year.

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ALCS Rays relentless



Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Tim Wakefield tries to flip the ball to first baseman Mark Kotsay, right, after fielding a ball in the third inning of Game 4 of the ALCS playoff series in Boston, yesterday. The Tampa Bay Rays chased Wakefield in the same inning and went on to win 13-4. They lead the series 3-1.

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The modern and swoopy 6

New Mazda 6 gains size and power

Mazda's success in lifting the 6 (or Atenza in other markets) to global acclaim — out of the 626's boring mould — was no small feat.

For North America, Mazda poked and prodded the 6 to nearly become the largest car in its class. One body style is offered, a sedan, fitted with your choice of either a powerful 170-hp 2.5L four-cylinder engine or a really powerful 272-hp 3.7L six-cylinder engine. That motor is wrapped in a four-door shell, modern and swoopy, helped along by even the smallest wheel size being 17-inch alloys.

In Asia, Europe and the Middle East, the 6 is offered in three body styles like the outgoing model: Sedan; five-door hatchback; or wagon. It's offered with a range of engines, including diesels. And size-wise, it's nearly identical to the outgoing car while "our" 6 is more than seven inches longer than "their" 6. Ours is also slightly larger in all other measurements, including weight.

Do I need to express which one Canadians would rather drive?

Despite wanting to hold the um, dimensions against it, the new 6 is simply larger than the original in every dimension: Wheelbase is lengthened by 115 mm; overall length is greater by 195 mm; and overall width is increased

by 60 mm. The upshot? You'll benefit from more headroom, shoulder room, legroom and cargo room — the trunk grows by a useful 39 litres to 469 litres.

Inside, the 6 is a mix of current Mazda themes — pronounced centre stack, multiple red displays and a sporty instrument binnacle. Kudos to Mazda for keeping the two trim levels similar in interior appearance, with the base car feeling upscale — without making the top trim cars appear too cheap. Cubbyholes are everywhere, but perhaps not as many as in an Accord.

The car is offered in two trim grades, GS and GT. And listen closely because it gets murky: Each trim level is available with either the four-cylinder or six-cylinder engine. On four-cylinder models, the standard transmission is a six-speed manual, with a five-speed automatic optional. On V6 models, a six-speed automatic is the only transmission available.

The four-cylinder GS starts at \$22,495. You want standard features? Seventeen-inch wheels, anti-lock brakes (ABS) with electronic brake force distribution, traction control, front and side airbags as well as side-curtain air bags, height-adjustable rear headrests, anti-theft alarm system, and engine-immobilizer are included, as are power windows, tilt and telescopic

steering wheel, AM/FM/CD/MP3/AUX-IN stereo with six speakers, air conditioning, 60/40 split-fold rear seat. Both a five-speed automatic transmission with Sport mode (four-cylinder models) and satellite navigation system are available as stand-alone options.

When equipped with the 3.7-litre V6 engine, the GS gets fog lights and LED taillights and bumps to \$27,495.

With the four- or six-cylinder motor, the only package available on the GS is labelled "Comfort" — included are: Dynamic stability control, eight-way power driver's seat, sunroof, leather-wrapped steering wheel, shift knob and parking brake handle, and rain-sensing wipers.

The GT trim is basically the GS with the Comfort package plus a few goodies, at a starting price of \$27,395 for the four-cylinder. Eighteen-inch alloy wheels, fog lights, LED taillights, leather interior, heated front seats, four-way power adjustable passenger seat, automatically dimming mirrors, six-disc CD changer, Homelink, and trendy "indirect illumination" from the overhead console. Don't forget you've



2009 Mazda 6

Type: Sedan
Price: \$22,495 and up
Engine: 2.5-litre I-4 or 3.7-litre V6
HP: 170 and 272

Highlights

- Larger than predecessor
- Light, direct steering
- Looks upscale

still got to pay extra for the six-cylinder motor.

Top-range 6s will trot from the factory draped in the "GT Luxury" package, with smart keyless entry system and push-button ignition, BOSE surround sound system, Bluetooth integration, SIRIUS satellite radio compatibility, and HID headlights with manu-



Increased dimensions on the Mazda 6 mean you will benefit from more headroom and shoulder room.

al leveling adjustment. On GT V6 vehicles, the package also includes a blind spot monitoring system and a welcome foot light on exterior mirrors.

Light-but-direct steering, high levels of grip, impec-

cable turn-in, under-control torque steer and predictable body roll and lean mean the 6 can be wound up and enjoyed if you're in a hurry.

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'Magic wagon' vans a family icon 25 years later



The 1984 Plymouth Voyager, one of the first "magic wagons" that revolutionized family transportation.

VANS In 1983, the Internet was in its infancy, the first mobile phones were introduced and Chrysler was assembling a new automotive innovation — the first minivan.

While baby boomers were starting families in large numbers and looking for an economical alternative to automotive transportation, traditional sedans and wagons continued to get smaller due to pollution and fuel economy concerns.

In response, Chrysler

product planners devised a platform theme that utilized a flat-load floor with the entire powertrain in front of the passenger compartment. Utilizing a front-engine, front-wheel-drive chassis design, Chrysler engineers created a platform with chair-high command-of-the-road seating and easy entry and exit.

Chrysler's new "magic wagon" program faced uncertainty with tough U.S. economic conditions. It was not until the federal

Chrysler Loan Guarantee Board approved \$1.5 billion US for future product programs in 1980 that Chrysler had the funding to move forward.

The company then revamped the Windsor Assembly Plant to produce the upcoming family hauler.

On Nov. 2, 1983, the first minivans, the 1984 model-year Dodge Caravan and Plymouth Voyager, rolled down the assembly line in Windsor, and became an instant success. As the

minivan became a cultural icon throughout North America in the 1980s, its introduction to the international markets helped establish and solidify the Chrysler brand worldwide.

With more than 12 million minivans sold worldwide and over 260 awards — including 2008 "Minivan of the Year" and "International Truck of the Year" by the International Car of the Year organization — Chrysler and Dodge minivans are continuing to make history.

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One tough cookie

Suzuki delivers a true 'ute with Grand Vitara

There's a lot to like about the Grand Vitara. Especially in this latest iteration, where the utility and performance of a full-size SUV have been mated to the styling, economy, and ease of use normally associated with a car-based cute 'ute. Suzuki is still an unknown quantity for many SUV buyers.

But once you've taken the Grand Vitara off-road, you begin to appreciate the engineering feats Suzuki has accomplished. First, this is a true 4WD vehicle. It's unibody with an integrated ladder frame, plenty of ground clearance, and an impressive 4WD system that's capable of sending all of the vehicle's power front or rear — or anywhere in between — depending on the conditions. You can't say the same for the competition who trade off-pavement potential for everyday ride comfort.

Sure, the Grand Vitara could ride a bit better, but

2009 Suzuki Grand Vitara	
Type: SUV	
Price: \$25,995-\$32,695	
Engine: 2.4-litre four-cylinder or 3.2-L V6	
HP: 166 or 230	
Highlights	
• 4WD	
• Highest tow rating in class	
• Reasonably priced	

it's by no means harsh — it's actually quite surprising just how well it's been tuned for on-road comfort.

The big news for 2009, apart from the slightest of interior and exterior freshening, is the addition of a four-cylinder engine.

The unit is a relatively fuel-efficient 166-hp 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine, with a more powerful 230-hp 3.2-L V6 optional. Suzuki says the mix between four-cylinder and six-cylinder models in the Grand Vitara's class is tilt-



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ing in favour of the four-bangers across the segment — from a 40/60 ratio just last year to more than 50/50 now. That means Suzuki is also expecting to double their market share, a goal that seems perfectly reasonable.

But in keeping with the rough-and-tumble capabilities, the vehicle has been blessed with a four-mode 4WD system that can switch between 4-High and 4-Low, and to neutral for flat towing. Oh, and it also has the highest tow

rating in its class at 1,360 kg. It's one tough cookie.

What's new for 2009: Six standard airbags; ESP (V6 models only, but includes Hill Hold and Hill Descent Control); rear disk brakes with ABS, EBD and Brake Assist; chrome-plated inside door handles; extendable sun visors and sliding armrest; a vehicle information display in the dash; eight speaker premium sound system (JLX trim); bigger front grille and front bumper; standard 17-inch alloy wheels

(four-cylinder); with 18-inch alloy wheels standard on the V6.

Pricing starts at a competitive \$25,995 for the Grand Vitara four-cylinder in JA trim with a five-speed manual; an automatic adds \$2,000 and bumps the trim to JX. Fully loaded four-cylinder models, the JLX and JLX with leather, ring in \$1,000 apart, with the former priced at \$28,995. The larger V6 costs an additional \$2,500, putting the price to \$31,695 — and a Grand Vitara V6 in full-zoot leather interior hits \$32,695. In all, it's a compelling product at a reasonable price.

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FOR METRO CANADA

Change of heart at the lot

BUYING A majority of vehicles in the U.S. are rejected only after a new-vehicle shopper has visited a dealership, according to J.D. Power and Associates' 2008 Escaped Shopper Study.

The study, which analyzes the reasons why consumers consider a model but ultimately purchase a different make or model, finds that 80 per cent of vehicles are rejected after a new-vehicle shopper has visited a dealership.

Three dealer-related issues are among the top reasons for not purchasing a vehicle: Another dealer has better service; limited availability of the specific vehicle shoppers are looking for; and lack of professionalism among personnel at the dealership.

The study also finds that an increasing number of shoppers have considered buying an Asian brand, 63 per cent in 2008, up from 60 per cent in 2007.

Conversely, the proportion of shoppers who considered buying a domestic brand has decreased, down to 55 per cent in 2008 from 58 per cent in 2007.

Shoppers who cross-shop among Asian and domestic brands are more likely to purchase an Asian brand and most often cite retained value, reliability and gas mileage as primary reasons for their choice.

In contrast, customers who purchase a domestic brand instead of an Asian brand most commonly cite a desire to "buy American" as their primary reason for purchase, followed by rebates and incentives offered, and vehicle price.

The percentage of shoppers who cite gas mileage as a reason for rejecting a vehicle has increased in 2008, up to nearly 20 per cent this year from nearly 17 per cent in 2007.

Unsatisfactory gas mileage is the third-most-common reason to reject a vehicle, with particularly high rates of rejection in the large, midsize and compact utility segments.

Nearly 40 per cent of all new-vehicle shoppers cite price as the most influential reason for not purchasing a vehicle.

Additionally, nearly one-half of shoppers 40 years of age and younger reject vehicles based on price- or finance-related issues.

In contrast, only one in three shoppers over 60 years of age reject vehicles for the same reasons.

Safety first when buying teen's first car

Parents faced with the challenge of choosing a first car for their teens should consider five tips from experts.

Designed to help protect young drivers, these suggestions focus on safety, which also helps to lower the cost of auto insurance.

New teen drivers spend countless hours dreaming of owning their first car.

A fast sports car conjures exciting images, while an SUV has ample room for all of their friends, and both vehicles have one thing in common: Neither is a good choice for teens.

Before car shopping begins, it is wise to set ground rules that may ease the polarized viewpoints shared by parents and their teens.

WATCH THE SPEED

Driving fast cars with turbochargers and high horsepower carries significant risk. Since car accidents are the leading cause of death among 15- to 20-year olds (one-third



Fast sports cars and roomy SUVs may not be the best options when picking a vehicle for young drivers, experts suggest.

of those accidents are attributable to speeding) any fast car is an unwise choice.

A good choice is a vehicle with a four-cylinder engine and average horsepower, which costs less to

insure and may save lives.

GROUNDING IN REALITY

When it comes to vehicles, many parents mistakenly presume that big equates to safe. The opposite is often times true for

young drivers, however, as SUVs and pick-up trucks can pose significant dangers for teen drivers.

These vehicles have a high centre-of-gravity, which makes them less stable and more prone to

rollover than traditional mid-sized sedans, especially for inexperienced drivers.

Pick-up trucks are two times more likely, and SUVs are three times more likely, to roll over than traditional passenger cars.

BUY 1997 OR LATER

While pre-owned cars are less expensive, older models may be more costly to insure, and they often don't have modern safety features found on newer cars.

Although many parents can't afford new or almost-new vehicles, they should focus on models manufactured in 1997 or later, the year airbags were required in all cars.

KNOW THE SCORE

Whether shopping for a new or pre-owned vehicle, always check crash-test scores.

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Nissan takes fans to top gear

BILL ROEBUCK
for Metro Canada

Nissan Maxima owners and driving enthusiasts got the chance for a sneak preview test drive of the all-new 2009 model in the Shift Into Gear Experience, a program held by Nissan Canada in early September. The 2009 Maxima, Nissan's flagship sedan, has new styling, a refined platform, a more powerful V6 engine and a redesigned interior.

The exclusive program allowed participants to book test drives online at specific times for the event held at Nissan's headquarters in Mississauga.

Also on hand for up-close viewing were the 2009 GT-R and 2009 Titan SE, along with several other Nissan models available for test driving: The 2009 Murano and Versa, the 2008 350Z Roadster, Altima Coupe and Sedan, and the Sentra SER SpecV.

The opportunity to drive so many cars at one time meant that many participants lined up like kids queuing for a roller-coaster, waiting for yet another ride.

The new Maxima Sport and Premium models on offer remained the highlight. A standard test-drive route took about 20 minutes to navigate, with a few participants begging for a little extra time.

Demetrios Vandekas of Toronto was one such enthusiast. Currently the owner of a 2004 Maxima, he found a "great deal of difference" in the new Maxima.

In particular, he was impressed by the comfort of the seats. "I spend a lot of time in my car, driving as much as 40,000 to 45,000 kilometres a year. The seat extension is great — other cars are not long enough for a guy my size." The trim Vandekas stands six feet tall.

"The steering is feather-light," he noted, then was impressed as he noticed the paddle shift controls under the steering wheel in the Sport model he was testing.

"One of my favourite features in my '04 is the heated steering wheel," he added, and was told the feature is now standard in the 2009 models.

"It's odd that with the CVT transmission you don't feel the shifts," Van-



Drivers got the chance for a sneak preview test drive of several of Nissan's latest models in the Shift Into Gear Experience, a program held by Nissan Canada recently.

dekas noted. "It's silky smooth, almost surreal. I've driven a lot of cars for trips of a quite reasonable length, and it's the 3.5-litre engine that convinced me to stay with Nissan when I got my current vehicle."

Reliability is another factor that kept him loyal to Nissan (his previous vehicle was a Nissan pickup truck

on which he put more than 400,000 km). "I've not had a single issue with this car in 115,000 km," he says of his current Maxima.

"With this new model, Nissan has done all the right things," Vandekas added as he stepped out of the car with a smile on his face. "My search for a new car this time around won't

be as vast."

Michael Cole, who is in charge of fleet acquisitions for the Ontario government, had a different perspective on the day, as he wasn't shopping for a personal car. "We have several Nissans listed with our fleet," he says.

"I found the new Maxima a nice car to drive. It's

very comfortable. I like the design of the front end, and there appears to be increased visibility." He said he would check out the new model's fuel economy, improved with the 2009's CVT transmission.

Sean Ramsarran, who drove more than an hour to the event from his home in Waterloo, Ont., came specifically to test the new Maxima. He currently drives a 2005 model.

"It's been bullet-proof, very reliable, a great vehicle," he said.

He noted that he's never before bought the same model of a vehicle back to back, but the new Maxima may change that. "I commute to Mississauga daily with three others and they all like my car."

Jill Young, manager of product planning for Nissan Canada says, "The new Maxima is more responsive. We've improved the performance from 255 to 290 hp. Handling was improved with a shorter wheelbase. Also, the turning radius is a lot tighter."

Best of all, she added, "the CVT is a lot more fuel efficient. Even so, it's still a four-door sports car."

Maxima marries quality with value

JOE KNYCHA
for Metro Canada

I like to think that whoever came up with the name for Nissan's flagship sedan will be set for life, looked after and rewarded by the company until the end of his or her days.

That's because "Maxima" is among the few truly outstanding names to be assigned to a vehicle, any vehicle, in the past decade or two.

It doesn't confuse the buyer with arcane alphanumeric combinations, nor does it liken the car to some endangered animal species or distant celestial body that can't be seen without a telescope.

Instead, Maxima quite simply conveys a message of quality and value, stating eloquently and in a single made-up word that it is the best car that Nissan offers.

All-new styling, called "liquid motion" by its designers, is a welcome departure from the bulbous look of the previous-generation Maxima.

"Maxima is among the few truly outstanding names to be assigned to a vehicle."

The new seventh-generation Maxima is offered as one well-equipped model, the Maxima 3.5 SV, starting at \$37,900 with optional Sport (\$39,950) and Premium (\$41,050) packages to which can be added optional Tech (\$42,400) and Navigation (\$43,150) packages.

The wheelbase has been shortened almost two inches and widened 1.5 inches for better agility and stability. As a result, the turning radius has been cut by almost a metre.

The updated 3.5-litre VQ-series V6 engine delivers 35 more horses (290 @ 6,400 rpm) than before and 251 lb-ft of torque, up nine lb-ft, yet it burns cleaner and overall is three per cent more fuel efficient. We averaged 9.0 L/100 km on a several 100-kilometre test drives over highways and secondary roads without

2009 Nissan Maxima

Type: Sedan
Price: \$37,900-\$47,150
Engine: 3.5-litre VQ-series V6
HP: 290

Highlights

- Quality
- Excellent value
- More fuel efficient

consciously striving for economical numbers.

Power is delivered to the front wheels via Nissan's Xtronic continuously variable; slip it into manual mode and you get sequential shifts through steering column-mounted paddle shifters.



The Lamborghini Estoque was selected as Best in Show at the 2008 Paris Motor Show by the AutoWeek editorial staff.

Top cars from Paris show

The editorial staff at automotive-enthusiast magazine AutoWeek has announced its Editors' Choice Award winners for the 2008 Paris Motor Show.

They are: BEST IN SHOW

Lamborghini Estoque: "While the design is somewhat contrived, the Estoque really has presence when you see it in person."

Contenders for Best of Show: Ferrari California, Saab 9-X Air, and BMW 7-series

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Contenders for Most Sig-

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Not just clowning around

Being on the road an exciting life, Cirque du Soleil tour manager says

Region sees job growth

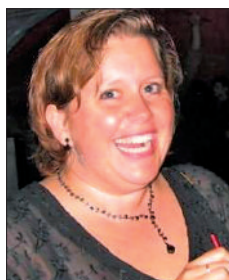
KIM MANNIX VERMETTE
for Metro Ottawa

Running away with the circus wasn't a lifelong dream for Heather Reilly, but now that she's spent the past seven years on the road with Cirque du Soleil, she can't imagine doing anything else.

Reilly is tour manager with the Cirque show Corteo, which premiered in the fall of 2004 and is currently running in Ottawa in the blue and yellow big top next to St. Laurent Centre.

"My degree is in education and my first profession was an elementary school teacher, but I'm not really a nine-to-five person and being on the road is a very exciting life," she says.

She was born in Ottawa, and though she grew up in British Columbia, most of her family is now back in the Capital region. It's why she decided to purchase a



Heather Reilly, left, is tour manager with the Cirque du Soleil show Corteo, which runs until Oct. 26.



home in Carleton Place several years ago.

"Carleton Place has oddly become more of my vacation destination, because when you travel full time, vacation time is when you get the chance to get home," she says.

This year marked the first time in more than five years that she got to spend Thanksgiving with family members, and many of her friends and family attended Corteo's opening night.

Though she admits life on the road makes her homesick sometimes, she's also blessed with a large "touring family" made up of Corteo's performers, staff and crew members.

"We all celebrate together, and when you live with 150 people who come from all over the globe, there's always something to celebrate."

Reilly is nicknamed the Mayor of Corteo because of the responsibility she has

keeping everything running smoothly in the touring village.

She jokes that her city is small, and only takes up about 3.5 acres of space, but every six weeks the company moves to a new destination, taking with it the mobile offices, kitchen, big top and school for the performers' children.

"What I do is similar to any executive in that I run the business operations of a company division. I guess

what sets it apart is that this isn't a normal lifestyle," she says with a laugh.

Her love of working on the road flourished when she began many years ago as a cast member, and then a staff member of the now defunct Up With People. A colleague from that job landed a position with the Montreal-based Cirque, and thought Reilly would be a good fit.

She says working for Cirque, or any other touring entertainment company, is the perfect job for anyone who loves to travel and work with people.

"You need to be flexible and adaptable, but it's very rewarding too," she says.

"My office is the same from city to city, but every six weeks the view out of my window is different and that's one of the many reasons I love what I do."

Corteo runs in Ottawa until Oct. 26. For more, visit cirquedusoleil.com.

TAGHREED SAADEH
for Metro Ottawa

Ottawa's unemployment rate fell to 4.8 per cent in September, down 0.3 per cent from the month before, according to Statistics Canada.

The unemployment rate in Ottawa-Gatineau also fell 4.8 per cent last month, a decline from 5.1 per cent in August, and the lowest level since April, said Vincent Ferraro, an analyst for Statistics Canada.

"The employment rate in Ottawa-Gatineau is increasing this year by generating 19,000 new jobs," he added. "The largest increase in employment came from health care, education services and construction."

"High technology is the weakest sector."

Statistics Canada recently reported that the capital region gained 500 jobs during September, raising job creation from April to a robust 12,500 jobs. That puts the total employment in the region at 675,600 — a new record.

The number of people reporting they were unemployed across the region in September fell to 34,200 — more than 4.2 per cent lower than a year earlier.

Almost all of the growth was in part time work, according to Statistics Canada.

A year ago the unemployment rate stood at 5.5 per cent, or 0.4 points higher.

Last month's job growth was the biggest increase in 30 years across the country, and defied economists' expectations for an actual decline in employment, following a drop in July and a small gain in August.

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Team helps job seekers take action

KIM MANNIX VERMETTE
for Metro Ottawa

Hunting for that perfect job is always tough, especially if you're new to a city.

But according to Stephanie Walker, an employment specialist at Action 2000, Ottawa has many services to offer job seekers.

"Ottawa, overall, is pretty great with free services provided through independent companies like us, and also government services," says Walker.

"There are lots of great job websites and workshops, which can help make the task of finding a job a little easier."

As part of Action 2000,

Walker helps job seekers in Ottawa by providing one-on-one employment assistance in tailoring resumes, and working with anyone in need of employment or better employment.

She says she and her colleagues see about 2,500 people per year, and of those, 60 per cent are new immigrants, while the other 40 per cent include those both from the Ottawa area and those just arriving from other parts of Canada.

She recommends newcomers check out the government job bank site (job-bank.gc.ca) and the not-for-profit job site Charity Village (charityvillage.ca).

"From my experience, there are constantly ad-

ministrative and office positions open, or jobs in payroll and accounts, because there are so many government and non-governmental offices here," she says.

Another trend she's noticed is businesses or careers that cater to the aging population.

"Recently there have been many retirement homes opening in the city and more opportunities for people there."

No matter what kind of job you are seeking, Walker says it's important to be bilingual in both French and English when seeking employment in Ottawa.

"There are English-only jobs out there, but having both languages dramati-

cally increases your options."

She says it is important to tailor your resume for the kind of job you are looking for, which may mean leaving out positions that aren't relevant, or playing up strengths that make you better suited for the position to which you are applying.

It's also important not to have too many gaps in your employment.

"Don't be afraid to take what I call the 'for now' jobs that help you pay the bills while you look for that ideal position," she advises.

Cold calling and applying in-person at businesses are also good ways to get your foot in the door.



Natalie Normand, left, and Stephanie Walker of Action 2000, an employment counselling service in downtown Ottawa.

"It's easy to e-mail out a bunch of resumes and never think about them again, but you always want the employer to remember who you are," she says.

"And if you do land an interview, never underestimate the power of a follow-up e-mail thanking the employer for meeting you."

But Walker says perhaps

the most important thing for any job hunter — especially those new to a city — is to tell everyone you are looking for work.

"You don't have to be born here to know people, you just have to be willing to get out there and talk to people. That's what will help you land the job you want."

A frighteningly good time?

Visitors beware: Bytown Museum may house more than artifacts from Ottawa's past.

The oldest surviving stone building in the city, reputedly haunted by local ghosts, is opening its doors Oct. 26 from 1-5 p.m. to collect donations of canned goods for local food banks. Craftsmakers, face painters and fortune tellers will all be on hand to share their creepy wares and services to parents and children alike.

But patrons may get more than they bargained for.

Steve Dezort, program co-ordinator for Bytown Museum, says that a number of employees at the museum have accounts of spectres and spirits that haunt the museum when the lights go out — usually as odd creaks in the floor or in the pitter-pattering of feet in an empty room.

"There's lots of different stories as to what sort of ghosts are at the Bytown Museum, but we're all in agreement that there are," says Dezort. "It's an old creaky building, which might explain the noise,



Steve Dezort, Bytown Museum program co-ordinator, dressed as Royal Engineer, Lieutenant Henry Pooley.

but we really encourage those who believe to come and find out for themselves."

Built in 1827 and used as a storehouse and treasury during the construction of the Rideau Canal, the premises are said to be haunted by the ghosts of Colonel John By and then assistant commissary general Duncan McNab. The pair evidently were at odds with each other during the building of the canal, and can often be heard bickering to this day.

It's a museum that documents a time when men were men, says Dezort, bringing law to the lawless

in Western fashion. Dezort loves to recount the city's early days when it was known as Bytown before it was renamed Ottawa in 1855. The east side of the canal, known as Lower-town, was a boisterous shantytown full of drunken raftsmen and lumber millers, and was the part of town where one would most likely contract an illness such as cholera and typhus.

"At one point in its history, Ottawa really was the Wild West," Dezort laughs. "It was about as far west as anyone wanted to go during that time, anyway."

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U.S. capital pulses with excitement during presidential race

EMMA E. FORREST
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Washington, D.C. is an exciting city to be in right now, especially with a presidential race taking place. The city is easy to navigate, has plenty to discover and is a great place to feel the election buzz first-hand this fall.

Sightseeing at the Mall

Before you get under the skin of the city, orient yourself with the Bi-Partisan tour, a wacky expedition in a two-tone electric car. You'll whizz past the majestic monuments of the Mall in this quirky automobile while your guide entertains you with the history of the city.

If you want to show your political allegiance, toot your horn — there's a braying donkey for the Democrats and a trumpeting elephant for the Republicans (bi-partisantour.com).

Sights to explore on foot include the U.S. Supreme Court (supremecourt.us.gov), the National Archives (nationalarchives.gov) and Library of Congress (loc.gov).

For an alternative twist on U.S. history, recap on the major events of the last hundred years as seen through the media at Newseum, an engaging museum dedicated to all things



Bi-Partisan's two-tone electric cars are a perfect way for political fence-sitters to tour the capital.

media (newseum.org).

Power lunching

Museums might be a must, but there are reminders of D.C.'s political bent all over town. Get in to the spirit and go for a power lunch — movers and shakers do their deals over fancy meals.

Close to Capitol Hill, the George is the city's first boutique hotel. Washington's elite come here for functions or to dine alongside other local and foreign dignitaries in the up-market bistro, Bis.

Keep an eye out for political celebrities, including Barack Obama and the Clintons, as well as Hollywood stars like Sean Penn who stay there when they're in town to support

their favourite causes (hotelgeorge.com).

At the Renaissance Mayflower hotel, D.C.'s political scenesters rub shoulders in the Town and Country Bar. The largest luxury hotel in the city, this is the site of most U.S. presidents' inaugural balls.

For something a little more discreet, there's always breakfast at the Four Seasons over in Georgetown and away from the heart of the action. Even if you're not meeting up with a senator, it's worth visiting for the breakfast alone, in particular the crab cake Benedict, a mountain of juicy Chesapeake crab dressed with tangy tomato hollandaise (fourseasons.com/washington).

Political cocktails

If dining in fancy restaurants is not your thing, then there are plenty more affordable ways of registering your vote.

Bars across the city have conceived party-inspired cocktails, so you can show your support for either Obama or John McCain by picking a red or blue martini.

Younger lobbyists mingle in the bars and restaurants in the Adams-Morgan and U Street neighbourhoods. Politicos meet up for beer and chicken wings at Stetsons, a crowded Tex-Mex dive bar, or smarten up for dinner at hip, minimalist restaurant Leftbank on 18th Street (leftbankdc.com).



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Entertainment

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Entertainment in brief

PEOPLE Bill Gates topped the business category and Oprah Winfrey and Angelina Jolie scored high marks, but many Americans said they had difficulty naming a responsible leader or celebrity, a poll suggests. **REUTERS**

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Passchendaele's coup

Tiny budgets prevent production of Canadian war films

RICK MCGINNIS
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Canada produces a fraction of the films that come out of Hollywood, a number that dwindles into insignificance when you count other moviemaking giants such as India and China.

Tiny budgets have ensured that genres such as epics and adventure films are nonexistent, so it's not surprising that we've only produced two war films in 25 years, the newest of which — Paul Gross' Passchendaele — is being released this Friday.

Like its predecessor, Robin Phillips' 1983 The Wars, it's set during World War I and the pair may constitute the whole of the country's catalogue of fictional war films.

The fact isn't surprising — movie production in this country is as much a bureaucratic as a cultural undertaking, and the 1914-1918 war looms large in our cherished national myths, thanks to historians such as C. P. Stacey, who called it the most important event in Canadian history, and Desmond Morton and J. L. Granatstein, who dubbed it our war of independence.

The mere existence of a film like Passchendaele is a contribution to that long-standing project of buffing



World War I film Passchendaele opens in theatres Friday.

up our history — with an educational component ready to be sent into the schools, you can look at it as a belated update to the memorials and cenotaphs that went up in the centre of practically every city, town and village in the country in the years after the Armistice.

With such little practice, however, it's not surprising that Passchendaele is more familiar than groundbreaking.

The brutal truth is that most films about World War I still play out like re-makes of Lewis Milestone's Oscar-winning All Quiet On The Western Front, made in 1930 at the dawn of talkies.

Much as the war left an indelible mark on Canada, it established its imagery

worldwide with nightmarish vividness early on, and every World War I movie ends up recreating the scenes that Milestone filmed when the generation that witnessed it in person hadn't even reached middle age — the endless trenches bracketing a deadly sea of mud and barbed wire, filled with the bodies, living and dead, of men who had learned firsthand about the absurdity of politics and the futility of life, a cultural mood that would still be a vital force well past the point when the next world war began.

Structurally, though, Gross' film is a very different creature, misleadingly titled, since scenes set in battle only bookend the melodramatic story of a soldier and a nurse well be-

hind the lines — in Calgary, in fact.

In this light, Passchendaele is more like the 1957 adaptation of A Farewell To Arms, starring Rock Hudson and Jennifer Jones, or D-Day The Sixth Of June, a 1956 film which takes place mostly in a flashback on the eve of the pivotal World War II battle, and concerns itself mostly with a love triangle between two soldiers and an Englishwoman.

Gross' apparent impatience with the actual battle that gave his film its title is to be expected; the best American film about World War II (William Wyler's 1946 The Best Years Of Our Lives) actually takes place after Japan and Germany are defeated, and you might argue that the best film about Vietnam (Francis Ford Coppola's Apocalypse Now) has about the same relationship to that conflict as a cheesecake has to a cow.

War is terrible enough that it's hard to imagine anyone wanting to spend two hours immersed in it, even in a theatre, so we use it as a setting for a romance (The English Patient) or an adventure (Guns Of Navarone), or even a bitter romance shot through with a castigating vision of a Canada rife with bigotry and intolerance (Passchendaele).



Miley's story

Singer/actress Miley Cyrus has finished writing a book about her life at the age of 15. The star was reportedly paid a seven-figure sum to tell her "inspiring story." **BBC NEWS ONLINE**



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Spinning the PVR effect

NEVER TOO LATE: The networks are sighing in relief and looking gratefully at the kids and their newfangled technology this week, now that ratings figures for delayed viewing — shows watched on PVRs after they've had their broadcast premiere, in other words — are finally in.

According to a New York Times story from Monday, it took Nielsen three weeks to get an accurate read on delayed viewing numbers, and all in all, the numbers are good, so what's to complain about, right?

What the new technology has done, among other things, is allow the networks to defy simple laws of nature in their quest for viewers, such as the one that says no one can be in two places at the same time.

When two big shows face off against each other on the same night — like Grey's Anatomy on ABC and The Office on NBC, for instance — no one has to choose if they can record one, or both, and enjoy them later.

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Both shows were big beneficiaries of PVR viewing, according to Nielsen, with Grey's Anatomy picking up 4.2 million viewers, and The Office picking up 2.5 million extra pairs of eyes.

Meanwhile hammering a little sociocultural point home, a geeky, youthful show — Fox's Fringe — also did well in delayed viewing, as did CW's 90210 and CBS's How I Met Your Mother.

Even more interesting was that Sunday Night Football only picked up a scant 10,000 viewers in delayed viewing, and Dancing With The Stars picked up a mere 15 per cent of younger viewers.

These numbers are proof that there are now two types of primetime program: "event" shows that you need to catch live

to have something to talk/blog/Facebook/twitter about, and shows you take in at your leisure, like a rented movie, without caring too much about having plot points spoiled ahead of time.

The networks are going to have to figure out which one they're in the business of selling sooner or later, and their choice is going to have a bigger effect on TV than the advent of colour, perhaps even the introduction of cable.

They'll have to figure out a new way to make money off of advertisers, though, since the conventional wisdom among ad buyers is that delayed viewing means skipped commercials — the president of research at NBC even went so far as to call PVRs "the ultimate freemium."

It's a word that's probably going to join "get a horse" in the annals of executive cluelessness one day.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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265	353	2	TVO	Life in Cold Blood		The Agenda With Steve Palkin		The Fixer (Part 3 of 6) (N)		The View From Here "Carny" (N)		
211	331	3	GTV	ET Canada	Entertainment	Bones		NCIS "Heartland" (N)		Deep Wreck Mysteries		News (N)
-	-	5	SRC	Virginie (SC)	L'Épicerie	Le Match des étoiles (N) (SC)		M pour musique (N) (SC)		Le Téléjournal (N) (SC)		La Zone
209	342	6	CHRO	Robson Arms	TMZ (N)	Monk		Pushing Daisies (N)		To Be Announced		News (N)
196	311	7	CTV	Hollywood	etalk	So You Think You Can Dance Canada Top 18. (N)				Law & Order: SVU		News (N)
208	303	8	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Little Mosque * (Sophie) (N)		CBC News: the fifth estate (N)		CBC News: The National		The Hour
-	360	9	NBC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Knight Rider (HDTV)		Presidential Debate (Live)				News (N)
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216	395	14	OMN2	Cold Case		Secret Life of American Teen		Privileged "Pilot" (HDTV)		Friends		Friends
214	344	15	CITY	Law & Order: SVU		News (N)		Vivres II		News (N)		The Simpsons
115	343	16	CFMT	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	Knight Rider (HDTV)		The Biggest Loser: Families (N)		The Simpsons		King of the Hill
218	345	18	EL	The Insider (N)	EL News	Pushing Daisies (N)		Presidential Debate (HDTV) (Live)		Analysis		News (N)
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651	355	25	CTS	Happy Days	Laverne	VPBS Live!		So You Think You Can Dance Canada Top 18. (N)		Law & Order: SVU		News (N)
-	365	36	Fox	TMZ (N)	Seinfeld	Canada Votes: Your Turn		Presidential Debate (Live)				National
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126	730	28	RDI	Elections Canada 2008 "Le Bilan" (SC)								
400	280	30	TSN	That's Hockey!	NHL Hockey Boston Bruins at Montreal Canadiens. (HDTV) (Live)							
410	403	52	SCR	RaceNight								
411	457	56	OLN	Ed's Up	Videos	The Amazing Race 13		Ed's Up	Adventures	Word Travels	Globe Guides	Pilot Guides
417	406	59	CT	Pinks (HDTV)	Pass Time	Am. Thunder	Am. Thunder	Pinks (HDTV)	Pinks Outtakes	Wrecked	Wrecked	Pinks (HDTV)
554	544	48	TEL	George-Jungle	Scooby-Doo	Scooby-Doo	6teen	Total Drama	Futurama	The Critic	Robot Chicken	Daughter-Devil
557	540	51	FAM	Wizards-Place	That's-Raven	Zack & Cody	Natural-Pradie	Han. Montana	Life Derek	Ned's School	Cory in House	Zack & Cody
551	542	65	YTV	Malcolm-Mid.	Home Improve.	Futurama	Prank Patrol	Futurama	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hint.	Adrenaline	Mystery Hint.
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615	520	31	A&E	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Dog the Bounty Hunter		Dog the Bounty Hunter		Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Parking Wars
628	584	32	SPKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investgn.		CSI: NY "Personal Foul"		UFC Unleashed		The Ultimate Fighter (N)		Ult. Fighter
521	560	34	TLN	Jon & Kate Plus 8		Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Painted Babies at 17		Jon & Kate
145	761	35	TVS	Toute une histoire		J'me sens pas belle		Un soir les AI		Spoken		Journal TV5
616	521	39	SHO	Kink in Hair	Kink in Hair	Durham County		Billable Hours	G-Spot	The Ricks (HDTV)		House
620	523	40	BVO	Desperate Housewives		Berkeley	Bravo/Videos	Wingfield	Letters	Arts & Minds	The Achievers	Law & Order
520	505	42	DIS	Daily Planet (N)		Cash Cab (N)	Factory Made	Monster Moves (N)		Mayday Air Canada plane.		Daily Planet
575	583	43	CMT	Dallas Cheerleaders		Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Reba		Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Coyote Ugly
601	562	45	SLC	End of Leash	ET Canada	Last 10		Bulging Brides	Work Out "Sky-Lab 2.0"	Real Housewives of NYC		
625	548	46	COM	Air Force	Just for Laughs	Corner Gas		The Simpsons	South Park	Comedy Inc.	RENO 911!	Daily Show
524	529	47	TBS	House-Payne	House-Payne	The Cookout * (2004, Comedy) Ja Rule		Mansions	The Stagers	Property Virgin	Unsellable	Million Dollar Listing
600	564	49	H&G	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine		Battlestar Galactica		Ghost Hunters International (N)		Stargate SG-1
627	528	50	MVC	Lost "Exodus"		MTV News	Cribs	Real World-Road Rules		MTV Live		MTV Live
581	566	53	TPV	Busted-Girls	After	Reality	What Happen?	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	70s Show	Family Guy
618	524	54	TROP	Beverly Hills, 90210		Cities of the Underworld		The Real Amityville Horror		Universitè	Paranormales	Affaires classées (HDTV)
522	506	55	HIS	NCIS		La Vie après la mort (HDTV)		Darling Buds of May		Enigma (Part 1 of 3)		Style by Jury
129	773	60	CD	Biographies "Jude Law"		Summer Wine	No Place Like	Supersize vs. Superskinny (N)		Gok's Fashion Fix (N)		Wings-Canada
261	394	61	V	Murder, She Wrote		Grocery	Maxed Out	APT National News: Contact		Paris Hilton's My New BFF		The Tonight Show-Jay Leno
602	567	62	W	Will & Grace	Friends	Reel Insights		TMZ (N)	etalk	Restaurant Makeover		Iron Chef America
269	530	70	APTN	Canadian Geographic								
621	527	71	TLK	The Ellen DeGeneres Show								
603	561	95	FN	The Main	Chef at Home							

critics' corner

The View From Here

The word "carny" may evoke an image of a scruffy character whose teeth and IQ points are both in the single digits. But as Alison Murray's documentary "Carny" reveals, the folks who operate the rides, run the games and peddle the munchies on the midway are a diverse bunch who have one thing in common: They find carnival life far better than what they came from. 10 PM on 2 TVO

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Little Mosque on the Prairie
There can't be that many qualified imams wandering around a town the size of Mercy, can there? Nevertheless, when Amaar (Zaib Shaikh) decides to come back from Toronto and resume his service at the mosque, he finds out he can't just pick up where he left off; he needs to reapply for the position. Carlo Rota, Sheila McCarthy and Sitara Hewitt also star in the new episode "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Mercy." 8 PM on 8 CBC

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Singer Lisa Marie Presley and her husband Michael Lockwood have picked out names for their newborn twin girls: Finley and Harper. The couple's first children together were born Oct. 7. **PEOPLE.COM**

Babies named

Celebrity Buzz

Lohan's leggings honour Monroe

FASHION Lindsay Lohan is fashioning a leg up on fashion, having launched her own line of leggings yesterday, People.com reports.

The actress just posted on her MySpace page that the newest collection 6126 was to hit Henri Bendel's N.Y.C. store yesterday.

"I'm thrilled to announce that my new fashion collection, 6126 is finally ready for launch!" she says. "I love to wear leggings, so it should come as no

surprise that my first venture into the world of fashion design is with leggings!" She goes on to explain the brand's cryptic name, saying, "I named the collection after Marilyn Monroe's birth date, because to me she represents timeless, confident glam — and that is the voice of this brand."

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Beckham staffers arrested for suspicion of theft

PEOPLE Two staff members working for Victoria and David Beckham have been arrested in England on suspicion of theft, imdb.com reports.

The housekeepers, who work at the celebrity couple's mansion in England, dubbed Beckingham Palace by the British media, were taken into police custody Monday.

According to tabloid reports in the U.K., the former Spice Girl's parents, who run the Beckhams' estate in Hertford-

shire, became suspicious of their staff after personal items from the Beckhams' home turned up on auctioning website eBay.

The items for sale allegedly include soccer boots worn by L.A. Galaxy ace David, which are emblazoned with his children's names, as well as designer clothing belonging to Victoria.

A spokesman for Hertfordshire's police confirms they arrested a 56-year-old woman and 55-year-old man, before releasing them on bail.

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Potter star spotted touring Harvard

EDUCATION Harry Potter star Emma Watson is taking her U.S. college plans to the highest level by touring one of the America's most prestigious universities, imdb.com reports.

The young actress was spotted visiting the campus of Harvard University in Massachusetts last week for an open day.

Watson hinted about her plans to study abroad in an interview earlier this year.

"I've applied to a few universities for next year, including several American ones," she said. "If I do go there (America), I will do a liberal arts degree, but if I stay in the U.K. I'll do English literature."

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Madonna's impressive ethic

PEOPLE Pop superstar-turned-movie director Madonna impressed the cast on the set of her film-making debut Filth and Wisdom by showing up on set at the crack of dawn every day, imdb.com reports.

Madonna, whose comedy premiered in New York Monday night, stunned lead actress Holly Weston by

showing how dedicated she was to the project.

"She knew exactly what she wanted and there was no in between."

"She made everything very clear," Weston tells the New York Daily News. "Everything had to be perfect. I think she was even there before us in the morning."

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Sopranos star takes on fashion

PEOPLE Jamie-Lynn Sigler is joining the ranks of other celebrity designers and trying her hand at a jewelry line, People.com reports. The former Sopranos star and her friend

Holly Freeman are teaming up to create a custom line of bangles and pendant necklaces ready for order at the beginning of the year.

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celebrity briefs

Aniston, Mayer seen smooching

ROMANCE Actress Jennifer Aniston and singer John Mayer were spotted reportedly kissing in Los Angeles Monday, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The pair, who split last month after dating for around 12 weeks, reportedly arrived at the airport together on a private plane and were seen in a series of steamy clinches, prompting rumours their relationship is back on track.

"They were very lovey-dovey. They kissed several times and hugged each other tightly," a source said.

The couple are said to have reunited in New York, where Aniston was preparing to start a promotional tour for her new films He's Just Not That Into You and Marley and Me and Mayer was relaxing after completing his recent world tour.

"Jennifer was in New York doing some shopping before she throws herself into her promotional work, John was in town as well so they hooked up," the source added.

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Simpson wants six children

FAMILY Jessica Simpson has revealed she wants six children, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

"I'd love six kids running around, but I guess I'll have to start pretty soon," said the singer, who is dating football player Tony Romo. "It's a beautiful relationship. Tony is everything I could dream of and I really love him. I'm proud to be his girlfriend."

Simpson insists she is happy to publicly speak about her love life, adding: "Even if things don't work out between Tony and me, though,

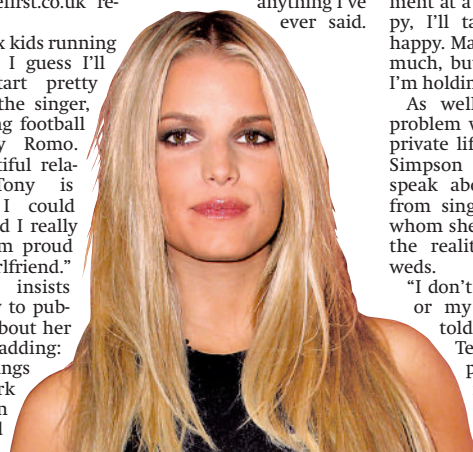
knock on wood, I believe they will, I don't regret anything I've ever said."

"That's just how I love. I'm all in and I live one moment at a time. If I'm happy, I'll talk about being happy. Maybe I do talk too much, but I still feel as if I'm holding back."

As well as having no problem with sharing her private life with her fans, Simpson is prepared to speak about her divorce from singer Nick Lachey, whom she starred with on the reality show Newlyweds.

"I don't regret the show or my marriage," she told Australia's Daily Telegraph newspaper. "Not at all. It made me who I am."

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FameThrower

Joe O'Neill

Joe's take on celebrities



Jennifer Aniston and John Mayer are officially the principals of the According to Jim of celebrity relationships. You didn't pay any attention to it the first time it was on, and now for some unfathomable reason, it's in reruns. That's right, the woman who could dig potatoes with her chin and the guy who makes me wish **Stevie Ray Vaughan** had a better helicopter pilot are 'reheating the cabbage,' as the Italians say. Or so they would have you believe. Isn't it funny that every time St. Angeli-na, Our Lady of Perpetual Hype, is on the cover of a magazine for doing something extraordinary like providing sustenance for her children, **Brad Pitt's** ex gets herself in the news either for declaring that she doesn't need anybody, or for snogging with the **Jimmi Hendrix** of the Ritalin generation?

The details of the latest press release seem to have been written by Jen herself. Perhaps she is contemplating writing a series of romance novels with herself as the heroine. These would be a great addition to the children's book she penned in the '90s, The Prettiest Friend, and her signature perfume, Cougar, which doubles as a pregnancy test.

What's the name of that film that Aniston is about to start promoting? Oh, yeah, He's Just Not That Into You. Coincidence, surely. **NEWSDESK@METRONEWS.CA**

Slater eager for Heathers sequel

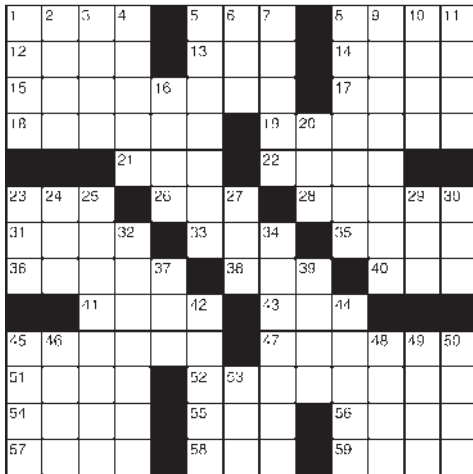
PEOPLE Actor Christian Slater is reportedly eager to return to the big screen alongside Winona Ryder in a sequel to their hit film Heathers, imdb.com reports. "Yeah, sometimes I see Winona (Ryder) and she's like, 'Are you ready to do Heathers 2?' And I'm like, 'Sure!' I would do it in a heartbeat. I would totally love to do that character again, J.D.," Slater tells AOL Television.

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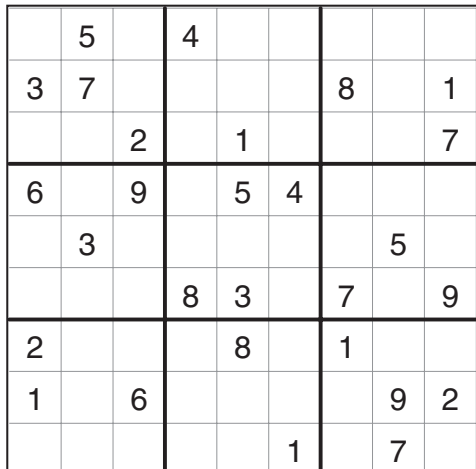


Take Five



Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



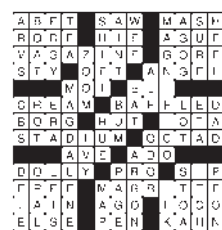
Crossword across

- 1 "Cheers" order
- 5 Cleo's slayer
- 8 Look lecherously
- 12 Needle case
- 13 Prohibit
- 14 Incursion
- 15 Grotesque carving
- 17 Raised
- 18 Sailing vessels
- 19 Like wet roads
- 21 Sleep phenom
- 22 Location
- 23 Gasoline stat
- 26 Nev. neighbor
- 28 Jeans material
- 31 Support group?
- 33 Romanian money
- 35 FDR is on it
- 36 Heart line?
- 38 Switch settings
- 40 Likely
- 41 Karma
- 43 Collection
- 45 Accommodated
- 47 Squat
- 51 Duel tool
- 52 Chickpea
- 54 Gangster's gal pal
- 55 Time of your life?
- 56 Celebrity
- 57 Race place
- 58 Tier
- 59 Rent

Crossword down

- 1 Pleads
- 2 And others (Lat.)
- 3 Franc replacement
- 4 Severity
- 5 Immeasurably deep
- 6 "Erie Canal" mule
- 7 Iron
- 8 Traveled around the world?
- 9 Corsage flower
- 10 Told tales
- 11 Whirlpool
- 16 Oil cartel
- 20 Tease
- 23 Biz deg.
- 24 Yes voter
- 25 Jon Arbuckle's cat
- 27 Zodiac sign
- 29 Demonic tyke
- 30 Bumped into
- 32 Grand
- 34 Remove a lightbulb
- 37 Packed away
- 39 Belgrade dweller
- 42 Candice's dad
- 44 Raise a glass to
- 45 Half (Pref.)
- 46 "Once — a time ..."
- 48 "Do — others ..."
- 49 Despot
- 50 Gridlock noisemaker
- 53 In olden days

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



5	9	3	6	8	2	4	7	1
7	1	6	3	4	5	2	8	9
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1	3	5	9	7	6	8	2	4
2	8	9	5	3	4	6	1	7

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

- Under 13 minGenius
13-17 minScholar

- 17-21 minSmart
21-25 minNot bad
25+ minKeep practising

Recipe of the day



Grilled swordfish steaks with tomato and pepper salsa

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 swordfish or other fish steaks, about 5 1/2 oz (150 g) each
- 4 tbsp (60 mL) extra virgin olive oil
- Juice of 1 small orange
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- Pepper to taste
- 1 orange, cut into wedges, to garnish

TOMATO AND PEPPER SALSA:

- 7 oz (200 g) Italian tomatoes, diced
- 1/2 red pepper, seeded and diced
- 1/2 red onion, finely chopped
- Juice of 1 small orange
- 1/2 oz (15 g) fresh basil, chopped
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon caster (superfine) sugar
- Pepper to taste

METHOD:

1. Place fish steaks in a shallow non-metallic dish. Mix together

- olive oil, orange juice, garlic and pepper to season and spoon over the fish steaks.
2. For salsa, combine tomatoes, red pepper, onion, orange juice, basil, balsamic vinegar and sugar, and season with pepper. Spoon into serving bowl.
3. Heat a lightly oiled, ridged cast-iron grill pan or a heavy-based frying pan over a high heat. Place the fish steaks in the grill pan or in the frying pan and cook for 2-3 minutes per side, basting from time to time with oil mixture, until fish flakes easily.
4. Place fish steaks on individual warm serving plates and grind over some additional black pepper. Garnish fish with wedges of orange and serve with salsa.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Rely on your wits when someone slows progress. Change anything that interferes with sincerity. Being dignified wins, when someone is shouting.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Be witty in a scintillating situation. Suspicion falls on a fool and his money. Impressive moves are made by a mature woman.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Thoughtless actions will cause headaches. A brave soul gives up in frustration. Don't argue about money with a fool.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

A foolish schemer is caught at last. Mischief-makers will run rampant. A friendly woman is accused of having a secret agenda.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

You'll get an unexpected offer from a long-lost friend. Distinguish yourself by contacting an elder. A woman is more helpful than a bad boy.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Try to understand why you flipped your lid. An agreement in principle comes easily. Make up your mind without interference.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

Secret messages are the solution to a mix-up. Don't take chances to end a bothersome situation. A desperado tempts someone with bad taste.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Have pity on the bewildered. A formidable friend modifies unrealistic expectations. A warrior wants to find the truth.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Keep away from a scared brunette. A friend is fired up about having a good time. Don't let pride provoke a misunderstanding.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Avoid making whimsical remarks. A wicked scheme will cause laughter. Happiness grows when difficulties cause unexpected giggles.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Someone who admires you will speak up. A worker is incompetent. Speculation will make you flustered.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

People may not be ready for a drastic change. Searching reveals a good alternative to gloom. Visit with a musical friend.

WORDY GURDY

1. Smack a baseball catcher's glove (1)
2. Confront an anti-sugar spray (1)
3. Brandisher Miller's writing tools (1)
4. "Right away, Long Ranger friend" (2)
5. Bigger spending credit card user (3)
6. Actress Miah's heebie equipment (2)
7. First race game with brooms on ice (3)

Every answer is a rhyming pair of words like CAT and HAT. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

This day in history

- OCT. 15, 1863: American Civil War: The CSS H. L. Hunley, the first submarine to sink a ship, sinks during a test, killing its inventor, Horace L. Hunley.
- OCT. 15, 1951: Television sitcom I Love Lucy premieres.
- OCT. 15, 1951: Mexican chemist Luis E. Miramontes synthesized the first oral contraceptive.
- OCT. 15, 1981: Professional cheerleader Krazy George Henderson leads what is thought to be the first audience wave in Oakland, California.
- OCT. 15, 1989: Wayne Gretzky becomes the all-time leading points scorer in the NHL.

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